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MEMORANDUM FOR ALEXIS JOHNSON

From: Brig. Gen. Lansdale *Ed*

Subject: Operation Mongoose

Responsive to the direction from the Special Group (Augmented) last Thursday, there is still an obligation to have a definitive statement on the special tasks which the Department of State might undertake in furtherance of our project goals. I have been unable to arrange the desired meeting with Mr. Martin, by telephone last Thursday evening and through Dick Goodwin on Friday.

I am scheduled to make a report to the Special Group (Augmented) this week. I can offer only the generalizations resulting from my conversation last Friday with Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Hurwitch. I believe that you, General Taylor, and the other members had anticipated something more definitive, presenting issues of emphasis, priority, and policy warranting consideration by the Special Group. It would be particularly helpful to know if there are special-emphasis actions which the Department prefers.

Alex

I agree that, before Ed reports back to the Special Group, there should be a session with Martin and Goodwin. Would you try to bring this about?

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